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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: FILLED SKUTTERUDITE-BASED ALLOY, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF AND THERMOELECTRIC CONVERSION DEVICE FABRICATED USING THE ALLOY

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (Russian Federation Office Action for Russian Federation Application No. 2005106872 dated August 15, 2006), and the English-language translation thereof.

JP-A-2002-026400 cited in the Russian Federation Office Action was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on February 14, 2005 and November 1, 2005 (with English language abstract and machine translation).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action

on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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